

## Roosevelt County

### Grading & graveling comparison 2009 to 2012 on the five busiest roads on the far eastern end of the County.

Road #	2009		2012	
	Times graded	Yards of gravel	Times graded	Yards of gravel
1002	21	-0-	17	1061
1004	18	-0-	28	1660
1009	16	40	24	771
327	38	60	59	4854
405	34	<u>2900</u>	44	<u>1261</u>
	Total yards	3000		9607
Number of truck loads		150		480

The oil companies have tied up most of the gravel on the east end therefore most loads require a 100 to 150 mile round trip

#### Cost to crush

Gravel	\$1.55 a ton	\$3.55 a ton
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#### Cost for pit run

Gravel	\$1.00 a yard	\$2.50 a yard
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Cost of Diesel	\$2.05 Gal	\$3.00 Gal
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In the past, we only had 3 blades on the east end of the County today we have 5 plus 1 Oil Co. blade and can't keep up. We are looking to lease 1 more blade if we find an employee to run it.

None of our County roads were designed to handle the heavy and frequent traffic they are experiencing today and most are in need of a total rebuild.

We had to buy 4 trailer houses, 1 for the road department and 3 for the Sheriff because of the housing shortage and the cost. Our last deputy that found a house for rent in Culbertson could not afford it. The rent was \$2,400.00 a month.

Our Sheriff is going to ask for 3 additional employees because his department can't keep up with the increase in crime. The deputies can no longer patrol the County, like they should, because they are continually answering calls.

Education and Local Government Meeting  
June 17, 2014

Our jail is always full and not with the local repeaters but with harden criminals. The ACLU is looking at our jail and the only thing that is keeping them from shutting us down is we are actively trying to build a new jail. Our old jail is inadequate and out dated. (See attached fact sheet)

### **DRILLING INFORMATION**

Since 2000 there have been 141 new producing wells in Roosevelt County with 99 of them developed in the last four years. Each well results in approximately 2000 trips over a county road. We have 11 new injection wells and they create steady traffic on our roads.

### **WHAT WE HAVE TO LOOK FORWARD TO**

As of 5-19-14 there have been 30 new wells permitted.

On June 19, 2014 The Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana will hold its business meeting in Sidney, Montana and they will be looking at applications for permits from several oil companies to drill 26 additional wells.

### **WE NEED HELP**

# ROOSEVELT COUNTY - FACT SHEET

## ABOUT THE PROPOSED PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY ADDITION & RE-MODELING

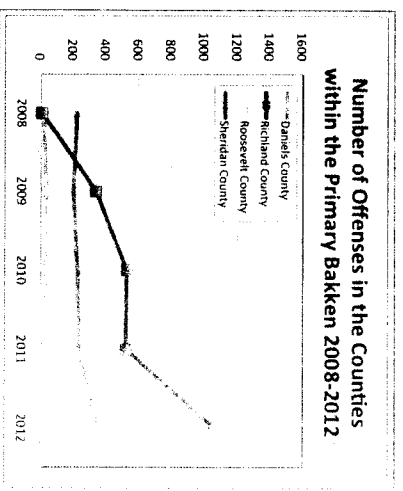
### What's Wrong with the Existing Jail?

- The existing jail, designed 40 years ago, is **too small** for today's population.
  - The rated bed capacity, per state standards, is only 11 beds. Some beds are from a Navy Brig dating back 100 years ago.
  - The jail averaged 15 inmates per day in 2012 with peaks around 20.
- Despite recent band-aid fixes the existing jail is **not safe for staff, public or inmates**.
  - It was not designed for the higher security risks jail officers now face.
  - Inmates are increasingly from out-of-state and are less accountable (examples: Florida, Colorado & California).
  - Inmate offenses are more serious (90% felonies in a recent jail population snapshot).
  - Inmates cannot be adequately separated by violent from non-violent, and prey from predator to insure inmate & staff safety.
  - Staff safety is jeopardized by poor sightlines, narrow open-barred corridors and more aggressive inmates.
  - Antiquated security equipment limits staff control and precludes rapid egress in emergencies.
- The existing jail cannot meet **Montana Jail Standards**.
- The existing jail cannot comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).
- Support, drug counseling and sex offender registry spaces are all **inadequate**.
- For all of the above reasons the risks and potential for **lawsuits** are unacceptably high.



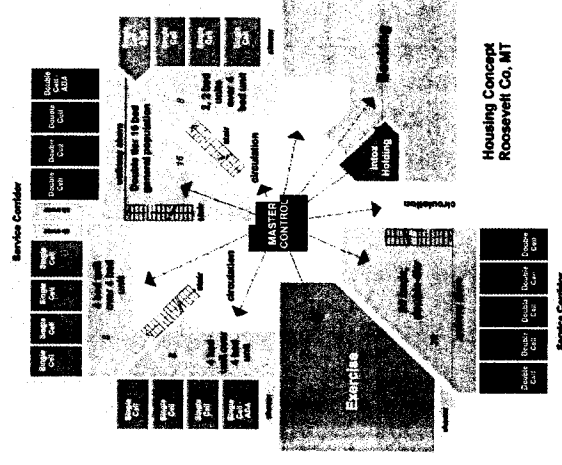
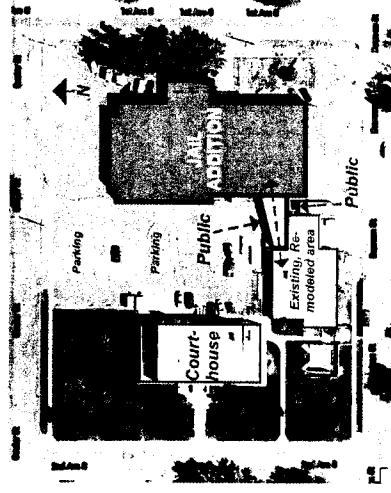
### Growth Pressures from the Bakken

- Crime in the 4 county primary Bakken region of Montana went up between 2008 & 2012.
  - Source: a Montana Board of Crime Control study of Roosevelt, Daniels, Sheridan and Richland Counties.
  - Total offenses committed are up 218%, arrests are up 173%.
- Nearly half (48.5%) of the crime increases were in Roosevelt County.
  - Total Roosevelt County arrests rose 187% between 2008 & 2012.
  - Between 2008 & 2012 drug/narcotics arrests went from 4 to 28, burglary from 15 to 48, aggravated assault from 24 to 34.
  - Roosevelt County's per capita crime rate went from about 25% below the state average to 56% above.
- More growth is on the way.
  - Due to the Bakken, Roosevelt County is projected to have from **11% to 40%** more people in the next 15 years.
  - Rapid growth throughout the 11 county eastern Montana region reduces the ability of other jails to take our overflow.



## The Proposed Solution

- **Re-model and Add** to the existing sheriffs-jail facility instead of building new elsewhere.
  - Keep it where it is and utilize existing resources.
  - Maintain the relationship to the courthouse to minimize inmate transport requirements.
  - Reduce the overall amount of construction needed plus eliminate site acquisition costs.
- **Build an Addition** that provides **60 jail beds**, all standards-compliant.
  - Also build a new E-911/Communications Center that can provide convenient 24/7/365 public reception and service.
  - 10 different cell units to provide flexibility to separate men/women, violent/non-violent, healthy/unhealthy, etc.
  - Cells constantly "eyes-on" viewable from a single Master Control post for higher security and maximum staff efficiency.
- **Re-model existing antiquated jail area for law enforcement operations expansion.**
  - Current law enforcement space is deficient and needs room to grow as population and crime rates increase.
  - Include some space for **other agencies** to enhance agency cooperation, efficiency and crime-solving ability.
- **To fund the project and increased operational costs a mill levy increase is needed.**
  - Construction-related increase represents a cost of **\$46.06 per year** on a house with a value of **\$100,000**.
    - Additional staff and operational expenses will cost **\$11.18 per year**.
  - Construction-related increase represents a cost of **\$92.13 per year** on a house with a value of **\$200,000**.
    - Additional staff and operational expenses will cost **\$22.37 per year**.
  - Estimated to be a **20 year bond**.
  - Estimated Construction Cost: \$9.2 million +/- 10% (includes cost escalation to estimated bid date of spring 2015).
  - Estimated Total Project Cost: up to \$11.8 million (includes 10% contingency).
  - Equals Construction Cost plus other costs needed to complete the project (fees, equipment, furniture, soil tests, etc.).
  - Jail Staff will increase from 8 to 14.
- **Preliminary Project Schedule.**
  - Design begins in July 2014; construction starts in late spring/early summer of 2015.
  - Addition open by late 2016; re-modeling complete by early 2017.



Proposed concept for an "eyes-on", staff-efficient Master Control view of inmate cells.

*The Public Safety Facility issue will appear on the June 3, 2014 Primary Ballot.*

**Don't Wait! Please call Sheriff Freedom Crawford at 650-7370 or Jail Administrator Melvin Clark at 653-6218**